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SUBJ: JAPANESE AUTOMOBILE SAFETY STANDARDS

REF: TOKYO 1880

SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO PROBLEM OF EMISSION STANDARDS (AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED), IMPORTED AUTOMOBILES MAY ALSO FACE DIFFICULTY IN MEETING PROSPECTIVE NEW JAPANESE SAFETY REGULATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. GOJ IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING AUTOMOBILE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR APPLICATION FROM APRIL 1, 1975. ACCORDING TO MORIARTY, PRESIDENT OF FORD MOTORS (JAPAN), THESE STANDARDS WILL BE STRICTER IN SOME RESPECTS THAN SIMILAR STANDARDS ENFORCED BY U.S., EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND AUSTRALIA. IF THESE NEW STANDARDS ARE APPLIED IMMEDIATELY TO IMPORTED CARS, FORD REP FEARS THAT IMPORTS WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR PERIOD OF AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS. TO AVOID THIS POSSIBILITY FORD HAS SUGGESTED FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES TO JAPANESE AUTHORITIES: (A) PERMIT IMPORTS OF VEHICLES WHICH MEET SAFETY STANDARDS OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: OR (B) DELAY APPLICATION OF JAPANESE STANDARDS TO IMPORTED

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CARS FOR MINIMUM OF 12 MONTHS TO PERMIT DETAILED ENGINEERING

STUDIES AND NECESSARY ACTIONS TO MEET JAPANESE STANDARDS.

2. MORIARTY BROUGHT FOREGOING TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION
IN CASE DEPARTMENT DECIDES TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS ON BASIS
POSSIBLE APPROACH BY FORD USA IN WASHINGTON. HE
EXPLICITLY SAID HE DID NOT WANT EMBASSY TO TAKE ANY
ACTION AT PRESENT.

3. COPIES OF MATERIAL WHICH MORIARTY LEFT WITH EMBASSY
AIRPOUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (EB/ITP/OT).
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